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(C) Poloff delivered reftel points encouraging high level attendance and significant contributions in support of Palestinian civil police and rule of law at the Berlin conference June 24 to MFA MEPP Desk Officer Daniele Bosio June 11. Bosio said FM Frattini was unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts and that MFA Under Secretary for the Middle East Stefania Craxi would lead the Italian delegation.

Bosio said the Italian government was still finalizing its contribution, but hoped to be able to pledge at least 1.3 million euros in new money at the conference. He also said the delegation would make a commitment to earmark for the Palestinian Authority security forces a portion - around eight million euros - of their eighty million euro pledge which they made at the December Paris donors conference. Bosio added that both these pledges were in addition to the over 200 million euros Italy had already programmed for Palestinian assistance in 2007-2009.

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